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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: William Gross

Appln. No.: 09/765,270

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
RANKING ITEMS

Examiner: James S. McClellan

Art Unit: 3627

Attorney Docket No: 9623/656

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Sir:

Attached are:

- ☒ PTO Transmittal (in dup.); Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; PTO 1449; and
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A processing fee in the amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17().
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1), it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered

and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE <small>MM-YYYY</small>	NAME
5,740,549	04/1998	Reilly et al.
5,848,396	12/1998	Gerace, Thomas A.
6,718,551	04/2004	Swix et al.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), (h), this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,


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